(b) whether it is also fact that this would make wine the only alcoholic beverage likely to be transferred to OGL; and

(c) if so, the reason therefor, since five star hotels are already allowed to import wine under special import licence?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Import of wine and other alcoholic beverages, as classified under Chapter 22 of ITC(HS) Classifications of Export and Import Items, 1997—2002, is presently restricted. In view of India's International Commitments, import restrictions on all items impose on account of balance of payment reasons are likely to be lifted latest by 31.03.2001. However, no decision has yet been taken regarding the change in import policy of wine or that of other alcoholic beverages.

Growth centres in Rajasthan

1842. SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of growth centres functioning at present in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) the number of growth centres proposed to be set up in the State during the Ninth Plan;

(c) the amount allocated by Government for the same;

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard till date; and

(e) whether any request from State Government of Rajasthan is pending for clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) to (d) Under the Growth Centre Scheme 71 growth centres are proposed to be developed through out the country with the Central assistance of Rs. 10 crore per growth centre (Rs. 15 crore in the case of North-Eastern States). Under this scheme, 5 Growth Centres have been approved in the State of Rajasthan which are at various stages of implementation. One growth centre at Bhilwara was approved during the Ninth Plan period. Following

funds have been released as central assistance for the growth centres in Rajasthan:—

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Name of the growth centre	Central assistance released
Aub-Road	1000.00
Bhilwara	300.00
Khara (Bikaner)	450.00
Dholpur	320.00
Jhalawar	300.00

The Central assistance is released after taking into consideration the physical and financial progress made by the State Government in implementation of the Growth Centre.

(e) There is no request pending for any additional Growth Centre in Rajasthan.

Coordinated Action at W.T.O.

1843. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have coordinated any action with countries having similar policy attitude after the Seattle meets;

(b) if so, what were those initiatives; and

(c) what is Government's plan to raise similar issues unitedly in the world forum in future?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) As part of post-Seattle efforts, India actively participated as a Member of the G-77 Group of Developing Countires in the Tenth Session of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) which was held from 12—19 February, 2000 in Bangkok, wherein a Plan of Action was adopted which incorporates the main issues of concern of developing counstries. The Session *inter alia* noted that "In the course of the implementation of the WTO Agreements, most developing countries consider that certain imbalances and asymmetries exist..... These problems need to be addressed